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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 060701 - 070700 NOVEMBER 1962

I. CARIBBEAN

a. JCS HAS PROVIDED CINCLANT, CINCSTRIKE, CINCSAC AND CINCONAD WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 071400R NOVEMBER JCS CONFERENCE. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE:

1. LEVEL OF FORCES CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR CINCLANT OPLAN 316.
2. LENGTH OF TIME CINCLANT FORCES CAN MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENT ALERT POSTURE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION OF COMBAT CAPABILITY.
3. PROPRIETY OF SCHEDULING A TRAINING EXERCISE WITH PARTICIPATION OF NOW DEPLOYED FORCES.

CINCLANT HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED COMMENTS FROM CG FMFLANT CONCERNING ITEM 2.

JCS 061710Z (TS)
JCS 061711Z (TS)
CG FMFLANT 021736Z (S)

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d. A CINCLANT INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY STATES THAT THE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TOWARD PORT AREAS IN CUBA, AS REPORTED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN HAVANA ON 4 NOVEMBER, SUGGESTS THAT EVACUATION OF SOVIET MISSILE SITES IS GOING RAPIDLY FORWARD AND THAT EQUIPMENT IS BEING ASSEMBLED FOR OVERSEAS SHIPMENT.

CINCLANT 060100Z (S)

c. COMJWTFM HAS REQUESTED CINCLANT MAKE AVAILABLE SIX 9-MAN RECONNAISSANCE BOATS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT. CINCLANT DIRECTED MCSC ALBANY TO BREAK OUT THE REQUESTED MATERIAL AND ADVISE COMJWTFM IMMEDIATELY WHEN AND WHERE THE ITEMS ARE READY FOR AIR PICK-UP.

COMJWTFM 052140Z (TS)
CINCLANT 060948Z (S)

d. CINCLANT SITREP AS OF 062400Z REPORTS THAT 12 AIRCRAFT FROM VMF-333 PRESENTLY AT ROOSEVELT ROADS WERE ORDERED TO MOVE TO GTMO ON 6 NOVEMBER TO INCREASE THE BASE DEFENSE POSTURE.

Very poor judgment

CINCLANT 070152Z (S)

e. JCS HAS ASSIGNED FORCES OF ANTILLES COMMAND, U. S. ARMY CARIBBEAN TO THE OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF CINCLANT EFFECTIVE 052205Z.

JCS 052205Z (S)

2. ASIA

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a. MAG-16 REPORTED TO CG FIRST MARINE AIR WING THAT EFFECTIVE 6 NOVEMBER THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS REGARDING HELICOPTER



OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED:

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MAG-16 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMIN
AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF "SHU FLY".

2. COL J. W. IRELAND STANDS RELIEVED AS CTU 79.3.5
(SHU FLY) AND ASSUMES COMMAND OF MAG-16.
3. LT/COL A. W. MC CULLY ASSUMES CTE 79.3.3.6
(SHU FLY).
4. CTU 79.3.5 REDESIGNATED CTE 79.3.3.6.

MAG-16 061632Z (S)
CTU 79.3.9 050310Z (C)

b. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY
OSD TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM DATA ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE FN 7.62
RIFLE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. DEPT. OF ARMY REQUESTED ALL
POSSIBLE INFORMATION FROM USCINCEUR AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES
LONDON AND NEW DELHI BE FORWARDED BY 6 NOVEMBER.

DA WASH 052153Z (C)

c. AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI REQUESTS THAT ALL
MILITARY HEADQUARTERS INVOLVED IN U. S. ARMS ASSISTANCE TO
INDIA BE URGED NOT TO USE THE TERMS "MAAG" AND "MILITARY MISSION"
IN RELATION TO INDIA EVEN IN CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS. REASONS
GIVEN FOR THIS REQUEST ARE THAT IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
ARE INVOLVED.

AMEMB NEW DELHI 060700Z (C)

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3. MARINE CORPS

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a. CNO HAS ADVISED CG FMFLANT THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO REPOSITION STORM STOCKS ON THE EAST COAST. RESUPPLY OF TWO VMA SQUADRONS WITH CLASS V(A) ITEMS MUST BE FURNISHED FROM HURRICANE OR CLOUD STOCKS IF REQUIRED AND AS DETERMINED BY CINCLANTFLT.

CNO 061907Z (S)

b. CMC HAS REPLIED TO CG FMFLANT'S REQUEST FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE 1ST BN 22D MARINES RECOMMENDING CG FMFLANT FULFILL HIS REQUIREMENTS FROM PERSONNEL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN MCB AND FMF UNITS AT CAMP LEJEUNE UNTIL FORMAL ACTIVATION AND RECEIPT OF DEPLOYMENT PLANS FOR 1ST BN 22D MARINES.

CMC DOES NOT DESIRE TO PLACE ADDITIONAL DEMANDS ON THE NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT EXCEPT FOR DEPLOYING UNITS.

CMC 062047Z (S)
CG FMFLANT 051944Z (S)

c. COMMANDANT MARINE CORPS SCHOOLS, QUANTICO ADVISED CMC THAT CO H 2/22 COMPLETED TRAINING EXERCISES TO COMPANY LEVEL PRIOR TO RETURN TO PARENT ORGANIZATION ON 021200R AND REQUESTED THAT THE COMPANY RETURN TO QUANTICO FOR THE PERIOD 14-16 NOVEMBER FOR BATTALION FEX.

COMDT MCS QUANTICO 062102Z (C)

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4. EXERCISE

a. CINCPACFLT ADVISED COMPHIBPAC AND CG FMFPAC THAT CURRENT DEPLOYMENTS MAY SOON EFFECT PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS FOR EASTPAC DIV/WING EXERCISE "STEEL GATE" SCHEDULED FOR EARLY FEBRUARY 63 AND REQUESTED COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION BASED ON RELAXATION OF READINESS POSTURE IN THE NEAR FUTURE CINCPACFLT RECOMMENDED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE):

1. EXERCISE DATE REMAIN THE SAME IF TG 53.2 AND 5TH MEB RETURNS BY 1 DECEMBER.
2. SCHEDULE A BRIGADE SIZE LANDING UTILIZING 5TH MEB UPON ITS RETURN TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA.
3. SLIP THE DATE OF THE EXERCISE TO JUNE 1963.
4. PLAN FOR A REDUCED SCOPE EXERCISE IN MARCH OR MAY 1963.

CG AIRFMFPAC CONCURRED WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT A MEFLEX OR MEBLEX NOT BE CONDUCTED IN JUNE DUE TO PERSONNEL TRANSFERS.

CINCPACFLT 310211Z (S)
 COMPHIBPAC 012307Z (S)
 CG AIRFMFPAC 030156Z (S)

5. MOVEMENTS

a. LT/GEN ROBERTS ARRIVED CAMP PENDLETON YESTERDAY, 6 NOVEMBER. HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CAMP PENDLETON AND ARRIVE AT EL TORO TODAY, 7 NOVEMBER.

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CG 1ST MARDIV 061645Z (U)
 CG 1ST MARDIV 061930Z (U)
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b. COMPHIBGRU-3 AND B/GEN FAIRBOURN, CG 5TH MEB DEPARTED THE USS ELDORADO (AGC-II) AT 060001Z ENROUTE TO NORFOLK FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS TAD.

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ALL SHIPS TRANSPORTING THE 5TH MEB HAVE CLEARED THE PANAMA CANAL AND ARE EXPECTING TO DEPART COLON ON 7 NOVEMBER.

COMPHIBGRU-3 052358Z (C)
JCS SITREP AS OF 070500Z (TS)

c. VMF(AW)-451 WITH 12 F8U (F8U-2N) ARRIVED ATSUGI YESTERDAY, 6 NOVEMBER.

VMF(AW)-451 061401Z (C)

d. SUB-UNIT #1, VMO-6, MAG-36, WAS REPORTED ACTIVATED AS OF 23 OCTOBER.

CG MCB CAMPEN 061741Z (U)

6. SELECTED ITEMS FROM DIA BULLETIN OF 6 NOVEMBER

a. IN CUBA, ASSEMBLY OF IL-28s CONTINUES AND RAISES TO 42 THE NUMBER OF THESE JET LIGHT BOMBERS OR FUSELAGE CRATES, KNOWN TO BE IN PLACE.

AT LEAST 87 (AND PROBABLY MORE) SOVIET HELICOPTERS ARE ALSO ON THE ISLAND AS COMPARED TO 23 BELIEVED TO BE THERE IN LATE JULY.

b. HIGH AND LOW ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY OF 4 NOVEMBER REVEALS THAT MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND LAUNCHING EQUIPMENT ARE ARRIVING FROM THE CUBAN INTERIOR AT THE PORTS OF MARIEL,

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LA ISABELA AND CASILDA. ABOUT HALF THE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND LAUNCHERS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AT THE MRMB SITES AND SIX IRBM LAUNCH RINGS ARE NOW AT THESE PORTS, AND SOME EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN LOADED ABOARD SHIP. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF UNUSUAL PORT SECURITY OR OF UNIQUE CONTAINERS SUGGESTIVE OF NUCLEAR WARHEAD OR NOSECONE HANDLING.

THE OFFENSIVE-MISSILE SITES CONTINUE TO APPEAR ABANDONED. ALTHOUGH TRUCKS AND TENTS ARE STILL AT SEVERAL OF THEM. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS AT THE IL-28 AIRFIELDS OF SAN JULIAN AND HOLGUIN.

7. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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